Abstract

A central program comprising a EI program for providing encrypted identity of a user for accessing a network central computer to obtain services or software products or alike inwhich a secure operation of a user account for payment therefor involved; a AC program for authenticating the computer on which it runs by determining its hardware and software configuration by software means and comparing the result with that required; and a ES program for using the authentication result of the AC program and the present of the EI program as a precondition for enabling those software products obtained to run on a computer. The central program is for managing the use of the individual programs therein so that the ES program, are protected from being accessed directly and being copied individually.